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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's December unemployment rate of 4.7 percent, up from 4.3 percent, was released on January 23. County unemployment rates released today showed that 62 county rates were down, 25 county rates increased, and eight remained the same over the month.

Moore County at 1.7 percent, down from 2.0, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Clay County at 10.4 percent, down from 11.0 percent, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.2 percent in December, down from 2.4 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County registered 3.0 percent, down from 3.2 percent. Davidson County reported a 3.2 percent rate, down from 3.5 percent, while Shelby County reported a 4.4 percent rate, down from 4.7 percent over the month.

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**NOTE**: Information will be available on the Internet; enter "http://www.state.tn.us/laborwfd/labor figures."

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